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Dear Sir or Madam,

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the status of the Draft Busseron Creek Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report. IDEM is public noticing a revised Draft Busseron Creek TMDL. The public comment period for this TMDL will begin September 3, 2008, and end October 3, 2008. The Busseron Creek Watershed TMDL document addresses water quality impairments for Busseron Creek and its tributaries that include Impaired Biotic Communities, Aluminum, Iron, pH, Phosphorus, Manganese, Zinc, Dissolved Oxygen, and Total Suspended Solids.

The revised draft TMDL for the Busseron Creek Watershed is posted on IDEM's website:

<http://www.in.gov/idem/4685.htm> - scroll down to Busseron Creek documents

After IDEM reevaluation, the following revisions were made to the Draft Busseron Creek TMDL:

1. Landuse was re-evaluated to better characterize the watershed.
2. The parameter tables were reviewed and revised to better clarify parameters
3. All data used as a part of the TMDL development process is included
4. Source language has been modified to better explain sources within the watershed
5. Additional language has been added to clarify WLAs within the document

A hard copy of the report can also be obtained by submitting a written request to IDEM. Public comments are welcome, but **all comments must be in writing and postmarked, emailed, or faxed by close of business (5:00 p.m.) October 3, 2008.** Written comments and requests for a hard copy of the report can be sent to:

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Sincerely,

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